

The Bundled Payments for Care Improvement Advanced (BPCI Advanced) model launched Oct. 1 with 832 acute care hospitals and 715 physician groups practices — totaling 1,547 Medicare providers and suppliers — the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced Oct. 9.

The larger participation did not surprise Harrison Frist, National President of Operations for naviHealth, which advises hospitals on models. The company's client hospitals that were in the precursor bundled payment model all joined, as did a larger number that were not in BPCI.

"This time around you see an uptick in participation because health systems and providers understand we're making that shift to value-based care; that's a reality now and not a matter of if but when," Frist said in an interview.

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